

High Germany

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1. O Polly, love, O Polly, the rout has now begun,
& we must go a-marching to the beating of the drum;
Go dress your-self all in your best and come along with me,
I'll take you to the cruel wars in High Germany
2. O Harry love, O Harry, you hearken what I say;
My feet are far too tender, I cannot march away;
Besides my dearest Harry, though man and wife we be,
How am I fit for cruel wars in High Germany?
3. I'll buy for you a horse, my love, and on it you shall ride,
And all my heart's delight shall be a-marching by your side;
We'll ride o'er moor and mountain high & breathe the air so free,
And jauntily we'll ride along in High Germany
4. O no, my love, it may not be, I cannot with you ride,
For I have here my children dear, with them I must abide
But all my thoughts and many prayers shall be the while with thee
As though dost fight old England's wars in High Germany
5. O cursed are the cruel wars that ever they should rise,
And out of merry England press many a lad likewise
They pressed my Harry from me, likewise my brothers three
And sent them to the cruel wars in High Germany

Note: a "rout" is the old name for a gathering of troops, i.e. a muster